



2007 Fall & Winter Schedule of Activities



Special Events

Brunswick Stew

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, September 9

301-839-1176

For all ages

Learn about the recipes of Brunswick Stew, a popular dish of the 19th century. Sorry no tasting.

Wayside Walking Tour

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, September 15

301-839-1176

For all ages

Take a 1.2 mile leisurely walk through the park to explore the outside exhibits. We will stop at each exhibit and have a brief discussion to enhance our understanding of the significance of Oxon Cove Park. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Reservation required.

St. Elizabeth Hospital Era

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, September 23

301-839-1176

For all ages

Learn the history of the farm from 1891 to 1967 when Oxon Cove Park was the St. Elizabeth Farm of Washington, D.C.

Canning and Preserves Exhibit

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

October 1 through November 30

301-839-1176

For all ages

During the month of October through November, the farm will exhibit how to preserve fresh produce and the benefits of storage for them.

Saturday Morning Wagon Rides

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

10:00 a.m., October 1 through October 31

301-839-1176

For all ages

Come out and take a wagon ride through the park.

Forest Scavenger Hunt

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 6

May 22, 23, 24

301-839-1176

For all ages

Learn about some common trees found in our Mid-Atlantic Region. We will take a small hike to find these trees for ourselves.

Apple Cider Days

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, October 7

301-839-1176

For all ages

We will crank up the cider press and make old fashioned apple cider. Learn how this popular drink of the 19th century is made. Sorry no tasting.

Special Spiders - The Farmer's Friend

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 20

301-839-1176

For all ages

Geared toward ages 9-12, but all are welcomed. Join us for a fun and educational look at spiders. Program includes stories and games, and will conclude with a walk exploring the world of spiders.

Potomac River Clean Up

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

9:00 a.m., to 12:00 noon, Saturday, October 20

301-839-1176

Help us keep our park beautiful and safe for the various wildlife who call the river their home. Join us for a day along the river to clean up trash and recyclables. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers.

Food Preservation - Drying Apples

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 noon, Sunday, October 21

301-839-1176

For all ages

Drying is the simplest method of food preservation. Come to the farm and learn how the inhabitants of the 19th century continued to perform this technique.

Pumpkins - The Special Squash

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 27

301-839-1176

For all ages

Geared to ages 5-12, but all are welcomed. Join us for a look at how pumpkins have become a traditional harvest plant. Through stories, songs and poems, we will discover the place that pumpkins have in American culture.

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Predator vs. Prey

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 3

301-839-1176

For all ages

An educational hour to determine who eats whom. We will use examples of animals found in the park to demonstrate the food chain and camouflage techniques.

Amazing Compost !

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:30 p.m., to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, November 4

301-839-1176

For all ages

Did you know what you can recycle food scraps? Join the Park Ranger in the garden and learn how you can start building a compost pile now that will create rich soil for your summer garden, as well as reduce waste in our landfills.

Story Telling Time

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

1:00 p.m., to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 10

301-839-1176

For all ages

Winter is coming and it's time to slow down on the farm and spend the time sharing stories. Come and sit for a spell and listen to several stories.

Historical Farm Equipment

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

1:00 p.m., to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 11

301-839-1176

For all ages

Did you ever wonder what a strange looking piece of equipment was used for? Take a walking tour and learn how technology has changed from horse to machine power.

Lights Out on Bunny Brothers

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

1:00 p.m., to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 17

301-839-1176

For all ages

This puppet show teaches children of all ages about energy and environmental conservation. Children of all ages are welcomed.

Cultural Holiday Festival

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

12:00 noon, to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 9

301-839-1176

For all ages

Explore the history of Oxon Cove Park as we celebrate the holiday season with a tribute to the many cultures that have influenced the history of Oxon Cove Park. There will be music, storytelling, wagon rides and much, much more.

Weekly Events

Meet the Dairy Cow

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Join the Park Ranger and assist in milking the cow and learn fun cow facts, proper milking techniques and more.

Chicken and Egg Program

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

Sunday through Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Learn about chickens and their life on the farm. Help with the chores and feed the chickens.

Wagon Ride

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

Sunday through Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Take a scenic ride through the park and learn about the environment and the park's history.

History of the Farm

Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Join the Park Ranger for a 30 minute walk to discuss the history of Oxon Hill Farm.

Education Programs

Moovelous Milk

Grades: Pre-k to 3rd

Monday, 10:00 a.m.

October through May

25 students or less

This is an educational program that introduces the student to the importance of dairy products. Assist the Park Ranger in milking the cow and learn how to churn milk to butter.

Animal Life on the Farm

Grades: Pre-k to 1st

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

October through May

25 students or less

Students will learn about farm animals, food products, and farm life. Students will meet the dairy cow, feed the chickens, and take a wagon ride through the barnyard areas. This program includes a loan of an educational kit to be used in the classroom prior to the visit.

Exploring the Past at Oxon Cove Park

Grades: Kindergarten to 6th

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

October through May

25 students or less

Students will discover what life was like on the Mount Welby plantation during the early 1800s. Teachers can choose from 14 activities based on the themes of immigration, slavery, the Underground Railroad, and the war of 1812. *Completion of pre-site and post-site activities is required.* Costumed characters and a wagon ride make this field trip fun, as well as, educational.

Reservations

Reservations are required for a group size of five or more. Monday and Tuesday programs require reservations for groups. No reservations needed on Sunday. Please make your reservations two weeks in advance by calling 301-389-1176.

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